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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GW, US, FR

SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING - FRG/SENAT REQUEST FOR
ALLIED AIRCRAFT

REFS: (A) STATE 045868; (B) STATE 045867; (C) USBER
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1. FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL CONTACTED
EMBASSY LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 1 TO INFORM THAT FRENCH
HAD OFFERED USE OF MYSTERE M-20 (12 SEATER) AIRCRAFT
TO TRANSPORT LORENZ KIDNAPPERS AND FREED PRISONERS
FROM WEST BERLIN TO FRG. IDEA WAS THAT FRG WOULD
PROVIDE REQUESTED 707 FOR ONWARD FLIGHT FROM FRG
TO FINAL DESTINATION DESIRED BY KIDNAPPERS. VAN WELL
SAID FRG RESPONSE TO FRENCH HAD BEEN THAT MYSTERE OFFER
WAS "INSUFFICIENT" AND FRG RENEWED REQUEST TO FRENCH
THAT ALLIES PROVIDE 707. VAN WELL THEN SAID FONOFF
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WAS MAKING SAME REQUEST TO US THAT ALLIES PROVIDE 707.

(WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT VAN WELL HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UK DCM, PRESUMABLY ON SAME POINTS.) HE ADDED THAT GERMAN CREW COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IF THAT WOULD HELP IN RECEIVING A POSITIVE REPLY.

2. IN ACCORANCE WITH CONTENTS REFTEL B AND REFERRING TO US TERRORISM POLICY, EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US GOVERNMENT PLANE TO BE PROVIDED, NOR COULD USG PRESSURE COMMERCIAL US CARRIER INTO AGREEING TO PROVIDE PLANE ON COMMERCIAL BASIS. EMBOFF ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A GERMAN CREW COULD NOT BE USED WITHIN CORRIDOR AND BCZ.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM POSITION AS GIVEN BY EMBOFF SO AS TO ENABLE EMBASSY TO FORMALLY REPLY TO VAN WELL'S APPROACH.
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